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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Committee Members

FROM

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SUBJECT : Follow-up Papers on Long-Range Planning Issues

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1. In October presentations to the Executive Committee, several Management Issue teams were requested to prepare supplementary papers further developing specified aspects of their issues. These supplementary papers are attached:

a.

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the least expensive option meeting all requirements. The paper makes no recommendations concerning workload reduction or changes in inter-agency responsibilities. It recommends against initiation of an inter-agency communications review. The paper will assist the Comptroller in preparation of the memorandum to D/OMB requested at the 23 October EXCOM meeting.

b. Systematic Classification Review and FOIA/PA Backlogs:

The paper makes three proposals concerning classification review, all of which relate to possible revision of E.O. 12065. Three procedural and two budgetary recommendations are made concerning FOIA/PA matters. It is suggested that the proposals be addressed by the Deputy Director for Administration in his handling of these issues.

c. Covert Action: The paper responds to six specific questions posed during the 21 October EXCOM session. These responses could be helpful in the formulation of an interdirectorate Covert Action plan, including priorities, controls, an evaluation method, and resources.

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2. Comments or suggestions are welcome and should be sent to the EXCOM Staff, Room 4E50.

Attachment:
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COMMUNICATIONS PLANNING ALTERNATIVES

I. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

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By previous action the Executive Committee was made aware of the need for substantial funding increases to overcome obsolescence and to meet projected requirements in the 1980's. To fully implement current plans will require an estimated [REDACTED] (S) A9c2.1

The DDCI requested further study of the communications planning problem to address:

- a. Possible trade-offs among program elements;
- b. Potential for reducing workload;
- c. Relative communications responsibilities of [REDACTED] (U)
- d. The value of an inter-agency forum to review the larger communications problems. (U)

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The attachment provides additional detail on the analysis.

II. SUMMARY OF FUNDING ALTERNATIVES

Based on the combined judgments of OC management and the Directorate representatives involved during this analysis, the four alternatives summarized in Table 1 represent the range of reasonable choices. Table 2 is a listing of major procurements necessary to maintenance of existing service and to meet stated user needs. (U)

OC views Alternative 2 as the preferred option. (U)


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III. POTENTIAL FOR REDUCING WORKLOAD

All alternatives include increases in service. Increased service translates to more systems and equipment and, therefore, more support. After obsolete equipment has been purged in the later years and the level of automation increased, personnel needs will be reviewed in light of requirements extant at that time. (U)

Within the near-term OC will have to increase reliance on contractual services to meet the demands of rapid modernization. (U)



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V. VALUE OF AN INTER-AGENCY COMMUNICATIONS REVIEW

Considering the existing formal planning and coordinating mechanisms described above, there is little to be gained from further inter-Agency review. By submitting Agency communications systems and plans to such a review, we allow other agencies and departments veto power over Agency communications planning. (U)

It is recommended that such a review not be initiated. (U)

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